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REF: A. PANAMA 8284; B. PANAMA 3231; C. PANAMA 2408 OF 4/26/74

1. THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE, JORGE CASTRO, HANDED DOWN SENTENCES YESTERDAY TO PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT NOVEMBER BOMBINGS (REFTEL A). JORGE AND GILMA RODRIGUEZ WERE GIVEN FIFTEEN AND SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCES, RESPECTIVELY, WHILE JOSEFA DOLORES MONTOTO WAS GIVEN A FIVE-YEAR TERM.

2. THE THREE WERE CHARGED AND SENTENCED UNDER LAW 342 OF JUDICIAL CODE. LAW 342 IS A BROAD PUBLIC ORDER DECREE (REFTEL C FOR FULL TEXT) WHICH PROVIDES FOR SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF APPEAL IN CASES INVOLVING SUBVERSION OF PUBLIC ORDER. AMONG OFFENSES CITED UNDER LAW 342, THE TRIO WAS CHARGED WITH INCITING VIOLENCE AGAINST THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; INCITING DISTURBANCES AFFECTING PUBLIC SECURITY OR FUNCTIONING OF PUBLIC SERVICES, OR WHICH CAUSE DAMAGE TO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND MAKING AND EXPLODING BOMBS.

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EM MINISTER CASTRO ALSO INSTRUCTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO WIDEN THE INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE ALLEGED ROLE OF ROBERTO EISENMANN, GUILLERMO ALFREDO BOYD, RAMIRO SILVERA DOMINGUEZ, AMADO SANJUT, FEDERICO OSWALDO BOYD CHAPMAN, FIDENCIO DEL CARMEN SANJUR ATENCIO, JAIME AIZPURUA FRANCESCHI, ALVIN WEEDEN

GAMBOA AND IVAN ROBLES CHIARI IN THESE BOMBINGS.

4. COMMENT: THE GOP TOOK A HARD LINE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF GILMA RODRIGUEZ WHO REMAINS SERIOUSLY INJURED, IN HANDING DOWN LONG SENTENCES TO THE TRIO. THIS HAS BEEN THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR (REFTEL B) WHEN LONG JAIL TERMS WERE PUBLICLY METED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF LAW 342.

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